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FROM: Ronald A. Koatz - EC

Re: Pham et al. - U.S. S/N 10/643,229, filed August 18, 2004 - Case No. J6853(C)

Please find attached:

Amendment (6 pages)  
Transmittal Letter (1 page)  
Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages)  
PTO 1449 (1 page)  
WO 94/23695 (15 pages)

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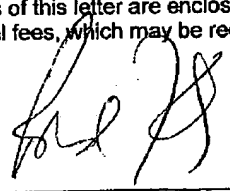
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